

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 have been allowed in the Notice of Allowance. Applicant has cancelled claims 14-25 without prejudice in the present amendment under Rule 312. It is parenthetically noted that claims 14-25 are being presented in a separate, continuation patent application so that they can be issued as a separate patent.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has the authority to cancel claims 14-25. MPEP sec. 714.16(d) states, for instance:

After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP sec. 1302.04) and has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawings, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval.

(Emphasis added)

If the Examiner is uncomfortable with entering the present amendment, he or she is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's representative, Mike Dryja, at the phone number listed below, instead of mailing a notice that the amendments will not be entered, so that this issue can be cleared up.

Respectfully Submitted,



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